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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 1739 ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN CAIRO
DAMASCUS TEL AVIV JUN 01.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1739

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

1. ARAB GROUP AGREED ON MAY 31 NOT TO PRESS FOR SECURITY
COUNCIL DEBATE AT THIS TIME ON PALESTINE QUESTION. DECISION
WAS TAKEN THAT ARAB GROUP WOULD REVIEW WITH PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FALL (SENEGAL) QUESTION OF
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON PALESTINE IN LIGHT OF GA RES
31/20. EGYPTIAN MISOFF WHO INFORMED US OF ARAB GROUP
MEETING SAID GENERAL FEELING WAS THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO
PRESS FOR A MEETING IN JUNE, PARTICULARLY SO SINCE GA RES
31/20 DOES NOT SPECIFY A DATE FOR CONVENING THE COUNCIL.

2. IN THIS REGARD THE PROPOSED DRAFT LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN
FALL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (USUN 1509)
WOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING AN OVERALL RECONSIDERATION.
REASONS FOR NOT PRESSING FOR AN SC DEBATE AT THIS TIME ARE
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THE UNSETTLED STATE OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND THE
PERCEIVED SHIFT IN US POSITION ON PALESTINE ISSUE.
EGYPTIAN MISOFF COMMENTED THAT PLO AND OTHER ARABS
VIEWED FAVORABLY CHANGES IN THE US POSITION BUT
WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL US POSITION ON PALESTINE ISSUE
WAS "COMPLETE." YOUNG UNQUOTE VANCE

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